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1. Former Prince Nicholas of Rumania (forced by his older brother, the former King Carol II, to abdicate his princely status as a consequence of his marriage) has good connections with Generalissimo Franco. In 1951 he obtained permission for about twenty young Rumanian officers living in Spain as refugees to enter the Spanish Army. The Rumanian officers were taken over by the Spanish Army with their old ranks and given the same salary and services in kind as the Spanish officers of the same rank. To begin with, they all received a six months vacation to learn Spanish, after which they were to be assigned to the training of recruits. The Rumanians hope that this small group of officers will some day become the nucleus of a Rumanian "Army of Liberation."
2. The former Prince Nicholas also negotiates with Franco about civilian Rumanians settling in Spain.

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